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BEGIN SUMMARY. THIS SUBJECT CONSIDERED IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 13 NOV 73. COMMITTEE DEVELOPED DRAFT REPORT TO DPC FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING, WHICH INDICATES AVERAGE CEILING PROPOSALS BY COUNTRIES OF IAU 450 MILLION, INCLUSIVE OF ANY EDIP. END SUMMARY.
1. UNITED KINGDOM CLARIFIED STATEMENT IN PREVIOUS MEETING (REPORTED REF B) THAT IAU 300 M CEILING PROPOSED BY UK WAS ON BASIS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EDIP.
2. HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION IN DRAFT REPORT (AC/4-WP/505 (2ND REVISE)) TO THE DPC FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
A. QUOTE IN THE MATTER OF A FUNDING CEILING FOR THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM, THE NATO MILITARY COMMANDERS HAVE SUBMITTED (AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS CONFIRMED) A TOTAL REQUIREMENT FOR SOME IAU 926 MILLION, OF WHICH SOME IAU 583 MILLION ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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CLASSED AS PRIORITY A, OR MOST URGENT UNQUOTE.

B. QUOTE THE DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE TO DATE (ALTHOUGH NOT BINDING OR FINAL) WOULD INDICATE THAT THE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE

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PROGRAM LEVEL FOR THE NEXT COST-SHARING PERIOD RANGE FROM A LOW IAU 290 MILLION TO A HIGH OF IAU 600 MILLION. THE AVERAGE BETWEEN THESE TWO LEVELS COMES TO APPROXIMATELY IAU 450 MILLION UNQUOTE. (NOTE: NOT IN DRAFT REPORT IS MORE REFINED STATUS THAT THE CEILINGS PROPOSED BY 12 NATIONS CONSIDERING THIS MATTER ARE NEARLY EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN A HIGH LEVEL RANGE OF IAU 500-600 M AND A LOW LEVEL RANGE OF IAU 290-450 M. THOSE IN THE HIGHER RANGE ARE CANADA, GERMANY, GREECE, TURKEY, AND THE US. THOSE IN THE LOWER RANGE ARE BELGIUM, DENMARK, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, AND UK.)

C. QUOTE THE US HAS STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT AGREE TO A LARGER PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION THAN IT CURRENTLY PAYS TO THE TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE/EDIP PROGRAMS, I.E., ABOUT 20 PCT, AND HAS STATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR A PROGRAM OF IAU 600 MILLION. THIS GOAL COULD BE OBTAINED WITH EITHER A 20 PCT SHARE OF AN IAU 600 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, OR BY A COMPARISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND EDIP PROGRAMS, I.E., PRESENT SHARE OF AN IAU 400 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PLUS AN EDIP OF IAU 200 MILLION UNQUOTE.

D. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT QUOTE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON THE SIZE OR COST-SHARING OF THE 1975-1979 INFRASTURCTURE PROGRAM IN TIME FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING IN DECEMBER 1973. THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZES, HOWEVER, THAT AN AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED SHORTLY TO PERMIT ORDERLY APPROVAL OF SLICE XXV AND THE PROGRAMMING OF SLICE XXVI AND BEYOND. IT BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT THIS MATTER MUST BE RESOLVED IN TIME FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE MINISTERS IN THEIR SPRING 1974 MEETING.

3. IN THE DRAFT REPORT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE DPC:

A. AGREE TO RETAIN SLICE XXV IN THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP;

B. AGREE TO RPOVIDE CONCURRENTLY WITH ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL

THE NEXT SLICE GROUP, AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF IAU 55 (TO 60 MILLION) FOR THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP, THEREBY INCREASING ITS CEILING FROM IAU 250 MILLION TO IAU 305 (310 MILLION) (PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED NOT EXCEEDING IAU 5 MILLION FOR A SLICE TOTAL IAU 60 MILLION) AFTER THE SCREENING OF THE MNC'S CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED SLICE XXV);

C. NOTE THE STATUS OF DISCUSSION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED FUNDING LEVEL OF THE NEXT COST SHARING PERIOD (SLICES XXVI-XXX) AND INSTRUCT THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON TO THE MINISTERS IN MAY 1974;

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D. AGREE THAT, CONCURRENTLY WITH THE DECISIONS ON THE
SIZE AND COST SHARING OF SLICES XXVI-XXX, THE PRINCIPLE OF EVALUATING
BIDS FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES WILL APPLY TO ALL PROJECTS
AS YET UNAUTHORIZED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES AND IN NO
CASE LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE COST
SHARING PERIOD.

4. US POSITION AT NEXT MEETING WILL CONTINUE CONSISTENT
WITH REF A.
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